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The Triumph of Heart.

Class oration delivered by Paul V. Maris at Commencement exercises of Pacific College, June 19, 1907.

A master mind, says Hillis, once wrought out the plans for England's great cathedral. "But these plans lay in the king's council chamber, and grew yellow with age, and thick with dust." A great heart lent its aid to the unfinished enterprise, stirred the souls of London with its fervent appeal for material and made possible the completion of the project. "A great architect had completed the plan but a great heart turned the plan into granite and hung in the air that magnificent marble dome of St. Paul's cathedral." Thus sympathy joined hands with intellect in the accomplishment of purpose. The world to-day pays tribute to intellect but too often it heeds not its vital counterpart in the achievement of human affairs.

Argentine and Chili once fought for three-quarters of a century over their boundary line. Both countries were exhausted but neither defeated. They were recently on the verge of another outbreak but sympathetic nations intervened and a day of arbitration accomplished what years of war and bloodshed had failed to settle. Now, high up on the summit of the Andes mountains, where the earth reaches farthest toward the heavens above, there stands a monument—"The Christ of the Andes"—an emblem of peace and good will to the thriving republics at its feet, an optimistic prophecy of universal brotherhood, and a living testi-

mony to the accomplishment of the human heart.

Glance with me, for a moment, at that honored roll on which are inscribed the names of our greatest minds and our most heroic souls; linger in the libraries of the world's best literature; walk again through the ancient palaces of art and view there the handiwork of the sculptor, the artist's vision of the beautiful in life and nature and there harken to the sweet melodies of the master musician; then seek to analyze, if you will, the inner motive forces which have found their outward expression in deed of statesman, service of hero, work of art or in the lofty sentiment of the poet and author. Has intellect been the force behind it all or has heart combined with brain in giving to the world its best heritage? True it is, philosophy and science have played their part in the onward march but the warmer and more subtle influences of passion, love, sympathy and justice have ever been the hopeful, life-giving and soul-inspiring impulses to social progress and achievement.

Ambition and self love have been the exciting forces in full many of life's tragedies but they have started no movement of lasting benefit to humanity. Alexander the Great was ambitious and he conquered the world, but we of to-day are no better for it. Napoleon left a lasting mark on the geography of Europe but society is no richer for his having done so. The great world movements and the great social reforms which have proved most blessed to mankind have ever sprung from sympathetic hearts, from "souls which have gone out in search of other souls in which to find their true completion."

One night a tired traveler lay sleeping at Troas. He slept on historic soil. "He was within that charmed

circle where for ages civilization had had its home—only four miles distant lay the plain of Troy, where Europe and Asia encountered each other in that struggle celebrated in Homer's immortal song. Not far off Xerxes, sitting on a marble throne, reviewed the three millions of Asiatics with which he meant to bring all Europe to his feet. On the other side the narrow strait lay Greece and Rome, the centers from which issued the learning, the commerce and the armies which governed the world." Such were the surroundings of the traveler. Deep in the night a voice of appeal and distress was wafted far across the still quiet waters of the Aegean and the sleeper awoke. Responding to that midnight summons this lone man, disciple of Christ, missionary to the Gentiles and the greatest of all apostles started Christianity with its civilization on its never ceasing course westward and gave to mankind something more lasting, ah, and infinitely more blessed than any heritage from ancient Greece or Rome, than any military achievement of world conquerors.

This man's service, his suffering and his life blood were the contributions of a sympathetic heart. It was no selfish ambition that urged him on his weary way. It was for no desire of popularity that he championed the unpopular cause of his unpopular master—"The despised and rejected of men." It was not for pleasure that he suffered persecution, imprisonment and at last a terrible death at the hands of the axman. Ah, nobler than these are the causes of man's best service; higher than these the motives of man's best gifts; purer the fountain stream, which waters life's thirsty souls.

The self same spirit of the apostle burned in the breast of the simple monk, the soul behind the great

Christian Reformation which freed Europe from the narrow confines, the mental and spiritual stagnation of medieval monasticism. All modern Christian institutions are but monuments to the work of the great heart, that sad and sympathetic heart, hated by its time and broken ere it viewed the bountiful harvest of its vacarious sowing. History is rich with examples. "Back of the emancipation proclamation stands a great heart named Lincoln. Back of Africa's new life stands a great heart named Livingston. Back of the sermon on the mount stands earth's greatest heartman's Savior. Christ's truth is enlightening man's ignorance but his tears falling upon the earth are washing away man's sin and woe."

Not only has sympathy of heart "made strong men stronger, lent heroes their conquering power" and started reforms world wide and never ceasing in their effect but it has found yet a greater service along the common highway of life which God has ordained as the station for most of his earth born sons. Few are born to become rich but all are born with burdens to bear. That the yoke may be more easy we have been given social sympathetic natures, been made companions on life's way, "co-workers in a common field, halving each others sorrow, doubling each others joy." Dreary indeed would be the journey were it not so; but sympathy, brotherly love and affection change the gloomy aspect and add freshness and cheer to an otherwise barren waste.

What a great work hath heart wrought for the benefit of mortal man and what a great work yet awaits its service. It has ever championed the cause of freedom and opposed slavery, ever sided with right against wrong, virtue against vice, ever plead for jus-

tice and declared against cruelty. It has liberated mind from bondage, made speech free and flung wide the gates of knowledge to poor as well as to rich, black as well as white, woman as well as man.

But as there are unsolved problems in the realm of science and philosophy so there are in the social realm. With all our labor saving devices for extracting utilities from nature's bountiful store, with all the improved methods of transforming raw material into finished product and with infinitely better means of transportation and distribution, society yet presents a panorama which the intelligence of sociologist, economist and political reformer cannot harmonize. Too often it is the case that "those who build mansions live in hovels, those who build the lightning express and palace car walk from station to station looking for work, those whose labors erect the buildings whose spires reach heavenward pass by the doors because they are too poor and ragged to enter."

The last half century has watched industry advance with leaps and bounds, has seen the world's store houses abundantly filled but the benefits therefrom have not been equally distributed. A practical world has been unable to harmonize social factors by its practical methods. Far simpler would the solution be if each man loved his neighbor as himself, if the golden rule spanned the wide gulf between wealth and poverty, capital and labor, high society and plain citizen. Under the regime of brotherly love, crime, lawlessness and anarchy would find small place. Yes, it is true, heart has a service to render which surpasses the power of the intellect, and as step by step we approach nearer the Utopia for which we are striving let it not be idle.

As the great machine of politics grinds on and on;

as the never ceasing battle for existence rages; as science and invention continue to revolutionize industry leaving society in a constant turmoil ever readjusting itself to new conditions; while intellect seeks for knowledge; while mind is active and body toiling, toiling ceaselessly, always toiling, let sympathy spread its warming and cheering influence over this world of fact and business anxiety, of toil and drudgery, showering blessings, scattering sunshine, refreshing weary minds, lightening heavy burdens, making this world one of peace, good will and fellowship. Let man, "having doubled the wisdom of his books, having doubled the beauty of his house, having doubled the sweetness of his music, likewise double the nobility and beauty of his life by making the soul within" a joy to the world without.

Heli Anthus.

Since the organization at the first of the school year, the Heli Anthus literary society has been doing excellent work. The club has been well supported by the girls of the school and alumni, and attendance has been good.

The programs have been tactful, spicy productions, and the members have taken pride in making them the best possible. The club has been specially favored in vocal and instrumental music. A unique and entertaining program was rendered at the banquet given for the Agoreton club during the winter term. A Spring program given in May, was of especial interest.

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This edition marks the end of the college year. A review of the past three terms shows results that are most gratifying. The work which shows up most prominently in the inter-collegiate, while the big book silently records a story of hard daily toil which is the true end of college work. In summing up the year's work we must count it one of unusual success in both branches.

We have launched another class on the world. They have spent their four years in college halls and go out with the confidence thus inspired, having more now perhaps than they will possess in a year from this time. We are both glad and sorrowful to see them leave us. Glad for the past accomplishments which earn them a

larger field, and sorrowful to sever the associations of the past. They depart with the best wishes of their friends and following classes who will eagerly watch their records in the future. Armed with the preparation bestowed by their alma mater we can safely trust the honors to their maintenance.

Commencement.

Another Commencement week has passed, with its usual home-coming of old friends and students and the various scholastic events which make it the most pleasant week of the school year.

We have been unusually fortunate this year in securing speakers for the different events of Commencement week who are men of high ability, and who rank high in educational and ethical circles. Of these, John Marvin Dean, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church of Seattle, and Dr. J. W. A. Stewart, dean of the faculty of the Rochester Theological Seminary, of New York, deserve special mention.

The address to the literary societies on Saturday evening, was given by County Supt. L. R. Alderman, who is at present superintendent-elect of the Eugene schools. The members of the Heli Anthus and Agoretton literary societies and their friends filled the chapel before the appointed hour, and listened to one of the best addresses yet heard before that body. Supt. Alderman took as his theme the choosing of an avocation. He spoke at length on the advantages and draw backs of some of the important professions, finally arriving at his favorite theme, school teaching. Here he was prone to spend most of his time "painting his lion," as he himself expressed it.

The churches of Newberg united in the Baccalaureate services on Sunday morning at the Friends church. The event had been widely announced, and a larger crowd filled the church than has before assembled at the Baccalaureate service. But the credit for the large crowd belongs to the speaker.

Rev. John Marvin Dean, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church of Seattle, gave the annual address and held his audience in perfect sway by his masterful handling of the subject of "Christian Hypnotism." Rev. Dean pictured some of the incidents in the life of Christ, where the all-pervading spirit of the man was so evident. He also showed the element of Christian hypnotism in other great lives. He then gave the secret of such a life as being a steadfast purpose in life, a clear conscience, an absolute fearlessness. Rev. Dean is a man of unusual power, and an example of the type which he portrayed in his address.

The address to the Christian associations Sunday evening was no less a treat to all present. Rev. A. M. Williams, pastor of the McMinnville Presbyterian church, gave a splendid address on "Christian Service." The address was a good application of the ideal held up by Rev. Dean in the Baccalaureate service.

The annual musical recital was held in the chapel Monday afternoon under the efficient leadership of Prof. Carrick. Prof. Carrick has adopted a new system of graduation, or promotion to the music department, by which pupils receive diplomas at the end of the year's work, providing an examination is passed. The recital showed careful training and faithful preparation on the part of the students. The increased interest taken in the music department both by pupils

and outsiders, under Prof. Carrick's teaching is commendable.

From a standpoint of entertainment, class day exercises on Monday evening, were ahead of anything else. The crowd which gathered before the gymnasium waiting for the doors to open would rival any world's fair crowd. The Freshmen were there—although they knew that perhaps one half of the program would be devoted exclusively to them. Each member of the faculty was present, eager to find out his or her respective faults. For an hour and a half the class of '07 royally entertained a gathering of seven hundred and fifty people.

The class program followed the usual order of things. Remembrances of events which took place during the school year were mingled with songs and literary productions. The slight class differences which arose about contest time were brought afresh to our minds—to the great discomfort of those who were compelled at that time to play under dog. Not content to let the "Goblin Army" pass with past victories, Paul Maris constructed a parody on the winning oration, in which he pictured the Freshmen as "Goblins," and a scene of "Little—Freshmen—Painting," was placed before us, with a narration of following events. Perry Macy, in the guise of Prof. Hadley, displayed a new kind of graphophone, the graphonolo—improved over the old style. The machine "took well," and will certainly find a ready sale if manufactured. Every number of the program deserves commendation.

At the public alumni meeting we were treated to a most excellent program. Hervey M. Hoskins read an interesting and spicy paper on "The Alumni—where are they, and what are they doing?" The address of

the evening was a most excellent one, given by Dr. J. W. A. Stewart, of Rochester, New York. Dr. Stewart took for his subject "The Book." The great superiority of the Bible over other books in historic, literary, ethical, and religious excellence, was impressively shown. Dr. Stewart proved to be one of the ablest speakers ever heard in Newberg. The audience was favored with a violin solo by Mr. Shipman, and a vocal solo by Prof. Carrick, both of which were highly appreciated.

Dr. Stewart again addressed a large audience Wednesday morning at the commencement exercises at the Friends church. The manner in which Dr. Stewart handled his subject, "Ourselves and the Universe," was masterly, and showed that he was a man of broad intellect. The way in which he pictured the vastness of the universe, and then showed man's superiority over it all, will not be forgotten soon by his hearers. An instrumental solo was given by Prof. Carrick. The soloist of the morning was John Claire Monteith, of Portland.

Personal and Local.

Paul V. Maris, '07, is in the field for the "Rural Spirit," of which his father is one of the editors.

The Florence Brown Rowe prize was awarded to Alice Hayes for highest scholarship in the Junior class.

We would like to see more co-operation among the members of the Crescent staff.

Prof. Hadley might turn his ingenuity to profit by using some of his summer vacation, inventing an electric bell that couldn't be chalked or disconnected.

Don't forget to come back.

The students again defeated the alumni at the annual baseball game.

We would caution students not to do too much voluntary studying this summer.

Keep your eyes open for an oration subject this summer.

Clarence Brown, '07, left recently for his home in Indiana.

Some of the students were too anxious to get home to attend the exercises of Commencement.

Earl thinks the worst mistake he has made this year, is making the walks rattle late at night, yet he doesn't quit it.

Dolan Kenworthy is serving customers in Moore's drugstore.

Agoreson Club.

The Agoreson club has done some excellent work this year in literary and forensic lines. The membership and attendance has been especially good during the last term, and the last few meetings were among the best ever held. We believe the Agoreson club is in better condition for literary work than ever before since its organization. The programs during the year have been both entertaining and instructive. In arranging programs, the committee have included political and legislative topics, with current events, and occasionally a musical selection. Especial interest has been taken in parliamentary law and usages, and this has been made one of the chief objects of the club.

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